



**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 2 Starts on the North Sea at Dunkirk and finishes further south on the North Sea at Calais. But the first 148 kilometers of the route are through the interior of northwest France. Only the final 24 km are along the coast.

07-04-2022  
10:56:20 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1656946891-stage-4-route.jpg>

07-04-2022  
10:56:32 am



**Tim in KY** The profile is lumpy with six Cat 4 climbs scattered all along the route. The final climb crests just 11 kilometers from the finish. 900 meters at 7.5% could weed out the pure sprinters and favor a classics rider.

07-04-2022  
10:57:08 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1656946944-stage-4-profile.jpg>

07-04-2022  
10:57:25 am



**Tim in KY** The finish route is strewn with traffic furniture and features two 90° turns around traffic circles in the final 2000 meters.

07-04-2022  
10:57:55 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1656946985-stage-4-route-finale.jpg>

07-04-2022  
10:58:06 am



**Tim in KY** After a long neutral start, kilometer zero is scheduled for 11:30 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:25. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper teens to low-20s.

07-04-2022  
10:58:41 am



**Tim in KY** I don't know how I got the start time so wrong. Km0 is at 13:30, not 11:30.

07-05-2022  
05:22:00 am



**BusterSci** It's take dad fishing day today. Enjoy the race.

07-05-2022  
06:22:10 am



**John** And the rollout begins

07-05-2022  
07:16:02 am



**Katie S** Good morning and welcome to la belle France

07-05-2022  
07:17:23 am



**John** Hi Katie

07-05-2022  
07:17:35 am



# DUNKERQUE

3 m



# CALAIS

6 m



NORD

PAS-DE-CALAIS

0

171,5 km







**Katie S** Been awake for an hour and finally decided to just get up.

07-05-2022  
07:18:02 am



**Katie S** Hi John

07-05-2022  
07:18:15 am



**Tim in KY** Still in neutral.

07-05-2022  
07:25:34 am



**John** Off they go!

07-05-2022  
07:30:40 am



**Katie S** And there goes Cort

07-05-2022  
07:31:11 am



**Tim in KY** Another quick breakaway.

07-05-2022  
07:31:27 am



**John** He really wants to keep that jersey

07-05-2022  
07:31:36 am



**John** Sprinter teams are blocking everything behind the break. Go Magnus!

07-05-2022  
07:32:25 am



**Tim in KY** He only has to get one point today to keep the Dots for another two days.

07-05-2022  
07:32:41 am



**Katie S** I suspect heâ€™ll do it.

07-05-2022  
07:33:23 am



**Tim in KY** Gap is out to 3:00 already.

07-05-2022  
07:40:12 am



**John** Froome already back at the team car

07-05-2022  
07:42:10 am



**Katie S** He canâ€™t imagine heâ€™d place in the top 10 overs. Is he here to coach? Or just because he lives this race?

07-05-2022  
07:43:27 am



**Katie S** Loves

07-05-2022  
07:43:42 am



**Tim in KY** I'm not why he's there. He's clearly not going to recover that the terrible crash.

07-05-2022  
07:47:19 am



**John** Maybe both? Help their younger riders, ride his last Tour?

07-05-2022  
07:47:44 am



**Katie S** I'll never forget that backwards look he gave Brave Sir Wiggo while towing the knight up the mountain.

07-05-2022  
07:49:34 am



**Tim in KY** Perez is now in virtual yellow. 5:26.

07-05-2022  
07:50:51 am



**Katie S** Tomorrow's stage should be fun. Cyclingnews has a run down of the "babysitters" on each team assigned to protecting the lighter and GC riders over the cobbles.

07-05-2022  
08:03:18 am



**Tim in KY** After we see if Perez is going to contest the KOM points I'm going to do some chores.

07-05-2022  
08:04:36 am



**Katie S** If he does challenge, I'll give him a piece of my mind.

07-05-2022  
08:05:14 am



**Tim in KY** Here we go.

07-05-2022  
08:08:43 am



**Tim in KY** Cobbled climb.

07-05-2022  
08:09:01 am



**Tim in KY** Noisy cobbles.

07-05-2022  
08:09:42 am



**Tim in KY** Jerk.

07-05-2022  
08:12:30 am



**Katie S** Geez

07-05-2022  
08:12:33 am



**Katie S** So who's the climber on Cofidis he's trying to guard points for? Stupid

07-05-2022  
08:13:10 am



**BIKERABE** Perez lost a bottle on the cobbled climb will he get a littering penalty?

07-05-2022  
08:13:46 am



**Katie S** Heh heh

07-05-2022  
08:14:04 am



**Tim in KY** I hope so.

07-05-2022  
08:14:10 am



**Tim in KY** Chores.

07-05-2022  
08:15:23 am



**Katie S** Enjoy. See you later

07-05-2022  
08:15:36 am



**John** Bye Tim

07-05-2022  
08:18:52 am



**Katie S** QuickStep messing up a nice day's bike ride for the guys at the back

07-05-2022  
08:23:09 am



**Katie S** Easily a baker's dozen guys OTB by a minute

07-05-2022  
08:25:43 am



**John** That was 10 minutes of fun. Now their HR can come back down

07-05-2022  
08:38:38 am



**John** The feed I am watching here just had a nice bit on the Strava segment for the climbs today. Average rider climbs in 5-6 minutes. Fastest tour rider is closer to 3

07-05-2022  
08:40:31 am



**Katie S** You think you're pretty good on a bike, then you get stats like this ...

07-05-2022  
08:41:09 am



**John** Exactly

07-05-2022  
08:41:14 am



**BIKERABE** gap over 6'

07-05-2022  
08:46:56 am



**Tim in KY** What did I miss that QS was doing?

07-05-2022  
08:53:49 am



**Katie S** they put the hammer down and broke the peloton into three groups.

07-05-2022  
08:59:09 am



**Tim in KY** Just for fun?

07-05-2022  
08:59:24 am



**Katie S** the middle group caught back on after not too long, but it took quite a bit longer for the rear group.

07-05-2022  
08:59:28 am



**Katie S** Who knows? Didn't seem to be a reason.

07-05-2022  
08:59:37 am



**Katie S** maybe just testing

07-05-2022  
08:59:51 am



**Tim in KY** Break is right on the imagined time.

07-05-2022  
09:00:38 am



**Tim in KY** 4 km to the next Cat 4.

07-05-2022  
09:01:06 am



**Tim in KY** On the climb.

07-05-2022  
09:08:26 am



**Tim in KY** 3 KU to go.

07-05-2022  
09:09:42 am



**John** Perez wisely does not challenge this time

07-05-2022  
09:10:09 am



**BIKERABE** gap near7'

07-05-2022  
09:12:53 am



**Tim in KY** There no KOM points tomorrow, 10 points on Thursday. To assure having the Dots through Friday, Cort needs three of the four remaining points today.

07-05-2022  
09:13:44 am



**Tim in KY** 7:35.

07-05-2022  
09:23:03 am



**Tim in KY** 7:06 now. Peloton has ramped up.

07-05-2022  
09:26:51 am



**BIKERABE** perez virtual leader more than 2'

07-05-2022  
09:27:01 am





**Tim in KY** Next climb starts with 75.4 km to go. About 10 km to go.

07-05-2022  
09:29:40 am



**Tim in KY** Gap is dropping like a rock. 6

07-05-2022  
09:37:27 am



**Tim in KY** 4:53.

07-05-2022  
09:46:36 am



**Tim in KY** I think the break is wearing out.

07-05-2022  
09:46:53 am



**Katie S** Perez seems to have calmed down, too

07-05-2022  
09:47:07 am



**Katie S** mainly

07-05-2022  
09:47:12 am



**Tim in KY** Next climb comes very quickly.

07-05-2022  
09:51:15 am



**Tim in KY** Up they go.

07-05-2022  
09:55:56 am



**Katie S** this wheel change leaves time for a picnic

07-05-2022  
09:58:59 am



**Tim in KY** 20 km to the next Cat 4. 2 KU to go. 2:25.

07-05-2022  
10:02:10 am



**Katie S** This is the only "mountain" stage I'll see before July 20's Peyragude. We leave Thursday midday for Tanzania. I'll try to peek in at times to check progress, but since Tanzania is CET, the timing won't be ideal. I'll have a lot of catching up to do in the archives when I get back.

07-05-2022  
10:08:02 am



**Tim in KY** Have a good time.Â I'll get to see the final stage in Paris in person.

07-05-2022  
10:15:03 am



**Katie S** Wonderful! Have you been able to do that before?

07-05-2022  
10:18:59 am



**Tim in KY** Nope.Â And really our plan is to watch the peloton ride down the Blvd St. Michel in person and go back to the flat and watch the circuits on TV.

07-05-2022  
10:21:11 am



**Trish in MA** Have fun, Katie.

07-05-2022  
10:26:31 am



**Katie S** Yeah, Tim, I think that's a good plan. How exciting!

07-05-2022  
10:28:07 am



**Katie S** and, thanks, Trish. This trip is needed not just because of the past two years disruption for all of us, but also because I just ended my years on the Mills College board of trustees with a merger that closed June 30. It's been a roller coaster experience. I am looking forward to being completely away from responsibilities for a couple weeks.

07-05-2022  
10:30:32 am



**Trish in MA** Katie, it is always wonderful to let other people take charge once in a while and just let them tell you what to do.

07-05-2022  
10:32:28 am



**Alaska Dave** Enjoy the trip Katie. A break is wise.

07-05-2022  
10:34:10 am



**Trish in MA** Cort must be glad of a little bit of company for today. They just showed he'd been ahead of the peloton for over 10 hours.

07-05-2022  
10:34:17 am



**Alaska Dave** Perez realizes that no hills are left. Cort has no more motivation.

07-05-2022  
10:36:17 am



**Tim in KY** Cort will wear Dots through Friday. After Friday, there's no way.

07-05-2022  
10:37:42 am



**Katie S** He's using that energy he wisely chose not to exert after challenging Cort on the first climb to see if he can't keep something of a gap

07-05-2022  
10:37:45 am



**Katie S** Very true.

07-05-2022  
10:37:54 am



**Katie S** That's when the little guys will come out from behind their big-shouldered minders

07-05-2022  
10:38:14 am



**Tim in KY** Now considerably slower than the slowest...

07-05-2022  
10:54:02 am



**Tim in KY** 25 km banner.

07-05-2022  
11:03:45 am



**Tim in KY** 20 km banner.

07-05-2022  
11:09:53 am



**Trish in MA** My husband, Carlene in NH, and I went for a bike ride on Sunday. We spent most of the ride in single file and all agreed that riding in a peloton would give us the willies. And be too stressful. And dangerous. Seeing these guys riding so intently is just amazing

07-05-2022  
11:13:33 am



**Trish in MA** You really can't start thinking about your to-do list or shopping list or whatever.

07-05-2022  
11:15:04 am



**Tim in KY** 15 km banner.

07-05-2022  
11:15:32 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Bottles ejecting...

07-05-2022  
11:16:25 am



**Trish in MA** Legal littering

07-05-2022  
11:17:02 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Gronewegen found out about that the expensive way...

07-05-2022  
11:17:20 am



**Bill Wilkinson** 11.6k, hounds, heels....

07-05-2022  
11:20:07 am



**Katie S** well, there goes Perez's lead... tick tick tick

07-05-2022  
11:20:23 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Gone....

07-05-2022  
11:20:42 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Benoot, Van Aert, Yates, Thomas

07-05-2022  
11:21:07 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Vingegaard

07-05-2022  
11:21:15 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Van Aert, Yates, Vingegaard, Van Aert gets a gap

07-05-2022  
11:21:44 am



**Katie S** goodness

07-05-2022  
11:21:52 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Drubridge gives Gronewegen a push...

07-05-2022  
11:22:46 am



**Tim in KY** 10 km banner.

07-05-2022  
11:22:51 am



**Katie S** that looks like a really really fun descent. really.

07-05-2022  
11:23:11 am



**Trish in MA** But there is still 10k to go. Â Seems like plenty of time and road

07-05-2022  
11:23:25 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Van Aert TTING

07-05-2022  
11:23:44 am



**Katie S** if he feels good, and he's got a tailwind, and a general downslope, he could do it

07-05-2022  
11:23:59 am



**Bill Wilkinson** I don't think there's any question his sensations are good.

07-05-2022  
11:24:21 am



**Trish in MA** 16 secs.

07-05-2022  
11:24:38 am



**Trish in MA** 21 secs

07-05-2022  
11:25:06 am



**Bill Wilkinson** 7k 22s

07-05-2022  
11:25:18 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Van Aert pulling away, chaos behind

07-05-2022  
11:25:36 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Whoda thunk a Cat 4 would cause so much trouble?

07-05-2022  
11:26:00 am



**Trish in MA** Feels like no one really cares if WvA wins the stage.

07-05-2022  
11:26:14 am



**Tim in KY** Um.... me.Â "900 meters at 7.5% could weed out the pure sprinters and favor a classics rider. "

07-05-2022  
11:26:52 am





**Bill Wilkinson** Tim: Good call, then!

07-05-2022  
11:27:15 am



**Trish in MA** Tim, you have super powers!

07-05-2022  
11:27:16 am



**Tim in KY** 5 km banner.

07-05-2022  
11:27:41 am



**Trish in MA** 27 seconds, 5 km

07-05-2022  
11:27:41 am



**Bill Wilkinson** The bunch coming back together, we'll see if they're going to get organized

07-05-2022  
11:27:57 am



**Alaska Dave** Ineos looks for GC. No sprinters team taking control.

07-05-2022  
11:28:10 am



**Trish in MA** 4 km banner

07-05-2022  
11:28:25 am



**Tim in KY** JV will try to be as disorganized as possible.

07-05-2022  
11:28:29 am



**Katie S** well put

07-05-2022  
11:28:40 am



**Trish in MA** 3 km banner 26 sec

07-05-2022  
11:29:26 am



**Tim in KY** 2 km.

07-05-2022  
11:30:07 am



**Trish in MA** 22 secs

07-05-2022  
11:30:21 am



**Katie S** a bit o' red bull in the bison, maybe

07-05-2022  
11:30:26 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Kite

07-05-2022  
11:30:52 am



**Bill Wilkinson** 16s

07-05-2022  
11:31:06 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Van Aert, Philipsen

07-05-2022  
11:32:29 am



**Trish in MA** WOUT!

07-05-2022  
11:32:32 am



**Katie S** WvA! Philipsen didn't know ???

07-05-2022  
11:32:48 am



**Katie S** if not, then reminiscent of the women's olympic road race result...

07-05-2022  
11:33:19 am



**Tim in KY** How could he not?

07-05-2022  
11:33:24 am



**Tim in KY** Tomorrow.

07-05-2022  
11:33:35 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Gronewegen back 1:30

07-05-2022  
11:33:50 am



**mmcally** Second place behind Wout is like a win to most, hey Jasper?

07-05-2022  
11:33:50 am



**Alaska Dave** LaPorte of JV was third.

07-05-2022  
11:35:13 am



**Katie S** JP will get a lot of ribbing at the food trough tonight

07-05-2022  
11:35:56 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Wout: "I didn't want to take the risk any more!"\

07-05-2022  
11:36:52 am



**Trish in MA** Carlene in NH was practicing her no-hands riding on Sunday.  
Â She did not try a hand over head celebration.

07-05-2022  
11:36:56 am



**Katie S** "10k of all-out, suffering"

07-05-2022  
11:37:55 am



**Katie S** all righty gang, that's a wrap for me. see you tomorrow!

07-05-2022  
11:38:09 am

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**Bill Wilkinson** I'm working tomorrow....Hopefully catch you folks later in the week!

07-05-2022  
11:39:58 am

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**Trish in MA** I'm off to do some work. Â See folks tomorrow.

07-05-2022  
11:41:17 am

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